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## **FARMERS TELEPHONE COOPERATIVE REQUESTS AMORTIZATION OF CERTAIN CABLE INVESTMENTS**

Farmers Telephone Cooperative, Inc. filed a request with the Public Service Commission of South Carolina to amortize its net book plant investment associated with an earlier retirement of certain copper cable facilities which are to be upgraded with fiber optic facilities. The upgrade of the cable facilities will enhance the Cooperative's ability to offer broadband services. The Cooperative seeks to amortize the net investment in these copper facilities over a three year period. According to the request, the increased expenses will not cause an increase in subscriber rates.

A copy of the Application is on file in the offices of the Public Service Commission of South Carolina, Synergy Business Park, Saluda Building, 101 Executive Center Drive, Columbia, South Carolina and is available through Mr. J.L. McDaniel, Chief Executive, Farmers Telephone Cooperative, Inc., 1101 East Main Street, P.O. Box 588, Kingstree, South Carolina 29556.

Any person who wishes to testify and present evidence at a hearing, if scheduled, should notify Gary E. Walsh, Executive Director, at the address below, and Mr. J.L. McDaniel, Chief Executive, at the previously stated address, in writing, on or before **July 9, 2002**, and indicate the amount of time required for his presentation. Please refer to **Docket No. 2002-197-C**.

Any person who wishes to present his views to the Public Service Commission may do so in writing, on or before **July 9, 2002**. Please refer to **Docket No. 2002-197-C**.

Any person who wishes to participate in this matter, as a party of record should file a Petition to Intervene in accordance with the Commission's Procedures, on or before **July 9, 2002**. Please refer to **Docket No. 2002-197-C**.

Persons seeking information about the Commission's Procedures should contact the Commission by dialing (803) 896-5105.

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